FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH

WHEREAS, the health and safety of Florida's youth and families is paramount; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is an important method of transportation for many Floridians and visitors, providing means to travel to work, school, and parks; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has a focused initiative to improve the safety, accessibility, and mobility of pedestrians and bicyclists on Florida's roadways; and

WHEREAS, FDOT and many local governmental agencies across the state have developed a multimodal transportation system that supports walking and biking as safe transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health encourages all citizens to develop habits of physical activity such as walking and biking to stay fit, and reduce the risk of many chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being an efficient and environmentally friendly form of transportation, bicycling is a popular form of exercise and recreation; and

WHEREAS, bicycles provide an economical means of transportation, offer mobility to those without access to a motor vehicle, and reduce traffic congestion, emissions and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan advances the creation and sustainability of bicycling trails by establishing the vision for a connected trails system that enhances Florida's economy, tourism, health, active transportation, recreation, conservation and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Florida Bicycle Month is an opportunity to encourage the use of bicycles as a way of transportation, recreation and exercise.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 2020, as Florida Bicycle Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 7th day of February, in the year two thousand twenty.

Governor

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